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## GHI BOARD APPROVES INCREASE IN MONTHLY CHARGES FOR 1966

by Al Skolnik

Taking final action on its 1966 budget, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors approved on Thursday, Dec. 9, increases in monthly charges ranging up to \$1.75 per unit. These increases will go into effect Jan. 1, 1966.

Most of the increases will take place in the frame homes, with little or no change in the monthly charges for brick homes. The range for the frame homes is \$1.50 to \$1.75; for the brick homes, 0 to 50 cents.

The reason for this difference lies in the fact that of the total additional amount of \$19,400 that must be raised in 1966 from monthly charges, less than \$1,000 is chargeable to the brick homes. A major factor is the contrasting trends in heating costs. The frame homes are expected to require \$9,100 more in 1966 for heat and services than in 1965, while the brick homes are expected to require \$4,750 less. Major contract work scheduled for the frame homes, such as overhauling of boilers, accounts for much of this difference.

Another factor is repairs and maintenance. While expenditures for this item are expected to drop in 1966 for both frame and brick units (\$8,400 and \$7,300 respectively), the drop will be relatively more per brick unit than per frame unit. The decrease in maintenance costs, as well as heating costs, for brick homes is expected to be almost enough to offset the increases in real estate taxes, administrative and sales expenses, and water costs, which affect frame and brick homes equally.

### Items Increased

Real estate taxes for 1966 are budgeted at \$282,400—an increase of \$14,400 over 1965. The actual tax bill from the city is expected to exceed the amount budgeted, because of the extra half-year's taxes that will be levied in 1966, but the GHI board voted to spread the extra taxes over a two-year period. Water costs will also go up \$1,000.

Administration and sales expenses are expected to rise by \$9,100 over 1965, due to such factors as the 3.6 percent salary increase granted by the board on Nov. 18, increased legal and audit fees, increased taxes, and extra sales expense. The 1966 budget also includes \$2,500 for the corporation's share of the cost of zoning attorney and city planner hired by the city. The Board agreed to continue this financing arrangement until a Master Plan has been adopted, at which time the situation will be reviewed.

A final item that is expected to affect monthly charges is a reduction of about \$4,000 in income from sources other than monthly charges that are used to relieve the monthly charges to members for administration and sales expense.

### Total Budget

The total budget for 1966 amounts to \$1,578,410, of which \$1,415,000 would come from charges to members. The balance would come from sources other than monthly charges (\$143,000) and from established contingency reserves (\$20,000).

The \$20,000 from contingency reserves is to help finance the hot water line replacement program for frame houses. A total of \$30,000 is allocated for this purpose in 1966; the remaining \$10,000 will be charged to members.

### St. Hugh's Young Adult Club

A Christmas party will be held for all members, guests and those interested in joining the club on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 p.m. at 16 Woodland Way. Dress is casual. For further information, call Ed Reed, 345-8529.

## CFPG Asks Questions Of Board of Education

A series of 14 questions was asked of the County Board of Education in a letter read to the Board on Tuesday, Dec. 14, by Lloyd L. Moore, chairman of the steering committee of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt (CFPG). The questions dealt with the decision of the Board to locate a three-school complex on parcels 1 and 2 and with the delays encountered in condemning the Beltway-Lake site for a senior high school.

The school board referred the questions to its staff and indicated that it would reply to the CFPG letter after hearing from its staff.

The CFPG letter was a reply to a written communication from Superintendent of Schools William S. Schmidt, dated Dec. 10, requesting clarification of a passage in an earlier CFPG letter, dated Oct. 13.

This passage expressed the concern of CFPG that a proposal had been made with the knowledge of the Board's staff, by the owner of the Beltway-Lake site to expedite the acquisition of this site, provided there was no opposition on the part of the city to zoning parcels 1 and 2 at higher densities.

A chronology of events accompanied the letter, showing the basis for the CFPG concern.

## GHI BOARD CENSURES CHOICE OF SCHOOL SITE

The serious concern with which Greenbelt Homes, Inc., viewed last week's decision of the county Board of Education to locate a new senior high school on parcel 2 (behind the 36-48 courts of Ridge) was reflected in a resolution adopted at the Dec. 9 meeting of the GHI board.

The resolution, in effect, stated that if the choice boils down to a senior high school on parcel 2 or no high school in Greenbelt, the GHI Board would choose the latter. The Board made clear its preference for the Beltway-Lake site, as called for in the city's own Master Plan.

The GHI Board's major concern involves the effects of a senior high school on the present road system which services the GHI residential units. Last month, in a statement before the Board of Education, GHI President Charles Schwan summarized the corporation's position.

"The existing roads in this area cannot safely carry the increased traffic generated by a senior high school. According to the Annual Report of the Board of Education, such a school will accommodate 1,800 students. At present there are only 450 Greenbelt residents in High Point High School. This would indicate that 1,350 students at the new Greenbelt High School will be from out of town and need busing. Some Greenbelt students, such as those from Springhill Lake, may also need busing.

"According to our calculations, this will mean a fleet of 20 buses at a minimum converging morning and night on the proposed site. All these buses will have to travel over the narrow two-lane streets of

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## City Notes

To present a cheerful front to a group of county visitors, the annual Christmas lighting display in the Center has been set ahead one day. The lights will be turned on tonight. For the first time, the new tree across the driveway from the Municipal Building will appear as the city's official Christmas tree. Also for the first time the Municipal Building will be floodlighted.

The county visitors coming to Greenbelt tonight are representatives of the Prince Georges Municipal Association, an organization of cities in the county. Also invited are the County Commissioners and county delegates to the state legislature.

The subject under discussion at the meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, is a fire study report which was recently submitted to the commissioners. The report advocates a number of basic changes in the present fire department system in the county.

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Clean-up of park areas throughout the city was the major job of the Public Works crew last week. With the long, mild autumn, leaf collection still continues, and most of the park areas have been swept clean. Included among the areas cleaned was city land leading from the Center underpass between the apartment buildings. Barricades were set up beside the service courts belonging to those buildings to keep cars from parking on public land.

## Jog Along Saturday

A Jog Along program is scheduled on Saturday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. at Braden Field. Jog alongers of any age jog at their own speed for 1½ miles once a month in a group, usually the last Saturday of the month. Some members have already logged 50 miles in three months toward their 100-mile physical fitness trophy. Others have joined the Road Runners club and run in weekly races for inexperienced runners. For information call Larry Noel, 474-9362.

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday Dec. 20, 1965

#### I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Meeting Called to order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Minutes of Regular Meeting 12/6/65 and Special Meeting 12/13/65
- 4 Additions to agenda by Councilmen and Manager

#### II COMMUNICATION

- 5 Petitions and requests
- 6 Administrative reports
- 7 Committee reports

#### III OLD BUSINESS

- 8 Ordinance to Amend Section 5A of Ordinance No. 569, an Ordinance to Provide a Personnel Plan for the City of Greenbelt, to Provide for the City Council to Serve as the Personnel Advisory Board (2nd reading)
- 9 Request to Purchase Open Space Land
- 10 School Sites
- 11 Appointments to Advisory Planning Board

#### IV NEW BUSINESS

- 12 Approval of Bills - Special Public Building Construction Fund

## City Council to Seek Change Of High School Site Decision

by Al Skolnik

Spurred on by the universal condemnation by civic and residential groups of the county Board of Education's decision to locate a senior high school on parcel 2 (between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and 36-48 courts of Ridge), the City Council last Monday night assured citizens that all avenues for reversing the school board decisions will be explored.

Among the public bodies mentioned to which appeals might be addressed are the County Commissioners, the county delegation to the state legislature, the State Superintendent of Schools, and the Governor.

Uncertain at this time is the degree of autonomy that the school board has with respect to choice of sites. The County Commissioners and the state legislature have some control over the budget and the raising of money through bond issues for schools, but the extent to which this control extends to earmarking of funds for specific sites is not known.

It is known that school sites must be approved by the State Superintendent of Schools. Also, the county public works departments must survey the site.

### Protest Action

Speaker after speaker got up to express dismay over the impact of the school board decision on local traffic conditions and on Greenbelt's Master Plan.

Cliff Simonson, on behalf of the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, stated that the widening of Southway, Ridge, and Northway, as called for in the original MNCPPC master plan, would almost certainly become realities if the high school is built in parcel 2. He pointed out that while a high school on parcel 2 is highly objectionable in itself, an array of three schools would compound the problem even further. He foresaw a high school on parcel 2 as seriously undercutting the Greenbelt Master Plan through consequent pressures for major

### WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:45 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Place.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. Woman's Club Bake Sale, outside Tanner's.  
10:30 a.m. Jog Along, Braden Field.

Monday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

## Mayor Submits Proposals To the County Delegation

A series of legislative proposals were submitted by Mayor Edgar L. Smith on behalf of City Council to the county delegation to the state legislature this month. Of major interest were those dealing with planning and zoning.

1. Require zoning petitions to be referred to the municipality involving property located within the corporate limits or in unincorporated areas within a mile or some other definite distance of the corporate limits.

2. Permit municipalities to have 60 days in which to make their recommendations to the Prince George's Planning Board.

3. Require that the recommendation of the municipality be made a part of the record of the deliberations of the Prince George's Planning Board.

4. Require that the recommendation of the municipality be referred to the District Council and be entered as part of the record of the public hearing on the zoning petition under consideration.

5. Require that the District Council shall zone property contrary to the recommendation of the municipality in which the property is located only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the District Council.

6. In order to insure more orderly planning, reduce the number of zoning petitions filed and reduce the amount of land speculation taking place, provide that property rezoned to a more intense use revert to its original zoning classification if active development of the property is not initiated within a specified time of the date of rezoning.

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traffic arteries and higher density development in the surrounding area.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Director James Smith emphasized the fact that of all the vacant areas in Greenbelt, probably parcel 2 is one of the worst choices for a senior high school because of the fact that heavy school traffic will be traversing purely residential areas. GHI director John O'Reilly added that the original concept and character of Greenbelt as a residential community would be destroyed by the school board action. He expressed fear that home owners might move out as a result.

George Jones, speaking for the Parish Council of St. Hugh's Church, cited the adverse effects of senior high school traffic on pedestrian safety. He was particularly fearful of the effect of teen age car traffic on small children walking to and from St. Hugh's.

His views were echoed by the Woodland Hills development, which saw a further deterioration of an already intolerable traffic situation on Northway. Photos were submitted of the heavy pedestrian traffic when St. Hugh's is dismissed.

Former city manager Charles T. McDonald suggested that parcels 1 and 2 be sealed off from the rest of town by city-purchased buffer strips which would be used for cul-de-sacs of such existing roads as Northway, Plateau Pl., Research Rd., Laurel Hill road, Gardenway, and Hamilton Place. An access road could be built serving just the neighborhoods and schools developed within parcels 1 and 2. This road, McDonald suggested, could start at the southern end through the 9 court of Southway, terminating at the northern end with a loop serving a series of cul-de-sac roads. He thought that such a program of cul-de-sacs might be initiated through the use of funds available through the Urban Renewal program.

### Beltway Site Favored

Speakers strongly supported the city-preferred Beltway-Lake site for a senior high school. Questions were raised as to whether there would be a great difference in the total cost of a fully developed senior high school site between the city's choice and the school board's selection, when the total facilities needed to serve either site were considered.

Advisory Planning Board Chairman Harvey Geller pointed out that earlier cost comparison statements had used \$22,000 to \$25,000 as the price per acre of the Beltway-Lake site, whereas a much lower figure of \$18,000 was mentioned by Superintendent of Schools William S. Schmidt in his letter of Dec. 3.

Councilman D a v e Champion, however, stated that the \$18,000 figure only referred to 8 extra acres that the school board might need because the original Beltway-Lake site is too narrow at the southern part. The price for the remaining acreage might be higher, he said, even though zoned at a lower density than the 8 acres. There is some question however, whether the school board would need the extra 8 acres if a different school design were used.

Councilman Francis W h i t e thanked the groups for giving their support to the city-preferred Beltway-Lake site. He suggested that a brochure be prepared for distribution to county and state officials which would contain statements of the civic groups, a copy of the Greenbelt Master Plan, a diagram of traffic flow, and itemization of the arguments of the city's position.



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## Go Placidly Amid The Noise

The following passage from the works of Max Ehrmann was selected by the late Adlai E. Stevenson as the message he had intended to send to his friends this Christmas, 1965. It expresses a philosophy to which people of all creeds might well aspire, and seems especially appropriate at this season of the year.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

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## GHI Board Studies City's Special Assessment Policy

by Al Skolnik

The 100 percent special assessment levied by the city against Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for the Greenhill-Hillside cut-through continues to occupy the attention of the GHI board of directors. The fuse at last Thursday's meeting of the board was a city council resolution submitted for first reading which outlined a general assessment policy.

Director Nat Shinderman stated that the resolution was vague and contradictory, but that it seems to reaffirm the 100 percent assessment policy adopted by the previous council. He averred that the resolution put GHI in the same category as a new developer who would be assessed 100 percent for street improvements. Shinderman felt that GHI ought not to be in the same category, since it would be only a minor beneficiary of the Greenhill-Hillside cut-through.

Director John O'Reilly agreed with Shinderman that the 100 percent assessment was not justifiable and wanted to see alternative methods of assessment investigated. Director Ed Burgoon, however, thought that the 100 percent assessment policy was generally a meritorious one and that, in the long run as Greenbelt grew, it would be to GHI's benefit if the costs of streets and other capital improvements were shifted from the city tax load to the private developer or property owner.

Director Gerald Gough agreed with Burgoon, but first wanted assurance that the city would follow a uniform policy and assess other property owners 100 percent as well as such corporate bodies as GHI. He did not feel that the resolution as written provided that assurance.

It was decided that a committee headed by O'Reilly would prepare a policy statement for consideration at tonight's meeting of the board.

## Other Business

The board joined with council in agreeing to an experimental program of debris collection whereby special types of bins would be constructed at strategic spots for the disposal of large items of debris (not garbage). These bins would eliminate the need for special trash pick-up trips. It was hoped that the bins could be made attractive by use of brick or concrete screening walls.

There will be no lighted Christmas tree at the entrance to the Parkway this year. PEPCO has refused to grant GHI permission to string the lights this year because of the hazards created by the heavy-duty overhead power lines.

A special board subcommittee to consider member complaints was set up consisting of Gough as chairman and directors Steve Polashchik and Norman Weyel.

Manager Roy Breashears reported that 40 applications have been received from members expressing interest in GHI's building program. Of the 40, 10 wanted free-standing homes only, 10 wanted townhouses only, and the other 20 would take either.

An open house for GHI members is being planned during the

## Worldwide Bible Reading Program

More than 20 million persons all over the world will participate in the Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society, according to Rev. S. J. Morris, of the Greenbelt Baptist Church. In extending an invitation to all residents of Greenbelt to participate, Rev. Morris said that about 1,000 individuals of the Greenbelt area are expected to join in the observance.

The Worldwide Bible Reading program, now in its 22nd year, is observed annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas as a spiritual bond to unite the peoples of the world.

The theme for 1965 is "Faith for a New Age." Each day, all persons participating read exactly the same verse from the Bible. Selections are printed in advance on book-marks and distributed without charge to churches, hotels, libraries, stores, banks, and to people who request them.

This year the first selection was Psalm I, read on Thanksgiving. Different selections are listed for each day of the program.

## The Police Blotter

The Beltway Plaza shopping center was the scene of some varied police activity this week. Police Chief William Lane reports that thefts from parked cars have been reduced, instead of rising as is usual during the pre-holiday season, since a police stake-out was posted there two weeks ago. Plainclothes officers in unmarked automobiles have been patrolling the parking lots regularly.

A case of breaking and entering at the Fashion Floors shop in the early hours of Dec. 10 was discovered by employees the following morning. Approximately \$300 was stolen from a cash box.

Two rivals for the same Beltway Plaza parking space forgot the Christmas spirit recently. When the winner, a lady, got out of her car, the loser (no gentleman) inquired, "How would you like to find all your tires cut?" Disdaining to reply, the lady went shopping. When she returned to her car, she discovered the left front tire deflated, and a twig in the air valve. Not holly, apparently; and no olive branch either.

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Greenbelt Police Officer Paul Reamy has returned to his duties after graduating from the Officers' Supervisory Course at the Maryland State Police Academy among the top ten in his class.

holiday season by the Member Relations Committee.

A favorable report on member reaction to maintenance calls was made by Breashears. Of 731 calls rated, 94.8 percent were termed excellent by members, 2.5 percent termed fair, and 2.7 percent termed poor. Members felt that services received through telephone were not as satisfactory as those given by servicemen.

## Voter Registration Lags In Prince Georges County

In a review of voter registration in 24 Maryland regional divisions, published by the League of Women Voters, Prince Georges County took an unglamorous 22nd place, with no more than half the residents of voting age actually registered. Of these, 101,000 are registered as Democrats and 38,000 as Republicans. By contrast, Montgomery County placed 4th with 77 percent registered, while Caroline County, in eastern Maryland, headed the list with 87%.

One factor in this low figure is the residency requirements for voters - one year in the state, six months in the county - which makes many newcomers ineligible. However, the report also cited apathy and lack of registration drives among the causes of low registration.

The last registration drive in Prince Georges County was held on November 20. Although about 5000 new registrants were predicted, only 1310 materialized (about 900 of them from Belair, on which the drive concentrated). In Greenbelt (3rd and 6th precincts of 21st election district) there were last year 2595 registered Democrats, 983 Republicans and 211 unaffiliated voters.

## Are You Registered?

New voters may register in the Upper Marlboro courthouse between 9 and 5 every weekday (for details call 627-3000, ext. 278). Registration is also held in the precincts 2-3 times a year and at the annual county fair in September. Voters may register as Democrats, Republicans, or unaffiliated; those signifying party affiliation will be eligible to participate in the primary elections on September 13, 1966.

## Christmas Gym Program

The Prince Georges County Recreation Department is furnishing leadership for an "Open Gym" program for free play during the Christmas holidays. The gymnasiums throughout the county will be open on the following schedule on Dec. 27, 28, 29, and 30:

10 a.m. - 12 noon—Grade school  
12 noon - 2 p.m.—Junior High  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.—High School and College

Participants must wear tennis shoes and furnish their own playing equipment. Greenbelt schools participating are High Point High School and Greenbelt Junior High.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

9:30 a.m. - Church school grade 5 through adults.

10:45 a.m. - Family Sunday - Handel's Messiah presented by the Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mr. Clarence Shaw. Church school infants through grade 4.

11:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour Fellowship

(A United Church of Christ)

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Perry F. Miller, Pastor

Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Classes for pre-schoolers and Nursery provided  
40 Ridge Rd., 474-9410 \* \* \* Parsonage, 474-7293

9:45 ..... Sunday School ..... 6 p.m. ..... Training Union  
11 a.m. ..... Morning Worship ..... 7 p.m. ..... Evening Worship  
Evangelistic Hour ..... 7:00 p.m. ..... 8:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor GR 4-4040  
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AND NURSERY



## The Children of Saint Hugh's School

wish everyone a

Joyous Christmas

and New Year

## Point of View . . . . . by Dorothy Sucher

## You Flatter Me

"My, your hair looks lovely!" cried Alice as I took her coat; and thereby set the tone for the evening to follow. I should have expected her to admire my hair, because I had made an appointment for a haircut on the following day, and Alice has a genius for paying me compliments I'd rather not receive.

"So this is where you live," she went on. "It's a positive dollhouse. You'd never guess how small these houses are from the outside."

"Thanks," I replied.

"And these are your children. I didn't dream I'd get to meet them. I was positive they'd be in bed by now."

"Go to bed, kids," I said. They didn't want to.

"And so bright!" Alice went on. "They have an answer for everything, don't they? I just adore unexpressed, uninhibited children."

"Go to bed!" I hissed. "Or so help me I'll whale you tomorrow."

Alice beamed as they trooped off to bed. "Well! Shall we get to work?" Alice and I are on a committee together. "What a cozy study, I love a room that looks really lived in."

We finished our business by 10 p.m., and I brought in a tray of coffee and cake. Alice turned away from her inspection of a bookcase and said: "I'm so glad I've had this chance to get to know you better, and to visit your lovely home. It's easy to see that you must be a highly intellectual family. I wouldn't read books like these if they paid me." She accepted a cup of black coffee. "But then, I'm not surprised. Anyone could guess you're not one of those women who spend all their time thinking about clothes."

"Have a pastry," I said, taking one myself to set a hospitable example.

She shook her head. "Oh no, I wouldn't dare. But you go ahead. It's such a pleasure to meet a woman who isn't on a diet. I'll just watch you eat."

We sipped our coffee.



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**COME ALIVE IN '65!** Furniture, new, brand names, cost plus 10%. Kay Dee Furn. Co. Greenbelt Shopping Center.

## Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik — 474-6060

Lee and Larry Fink ran up a tremendous .718 score at last Friday's duplicate bridge session, but needed it to overcome Ann and Tony Pisano who had a .647 game. Because of the Christmas holidays, the next game will not be played until the second Friday in January.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. William Rinker, 7-L Research. This young man was born Dec. 7 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. He joins three year old Steve.



Marine Private Richard J. McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. McLaughlin, 34-K Ridge, graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Depot, Paris Island, South Carolina.



Marine Private Robert F. Johnson, Jr., son of Mrs. Ruth Davis, 16-T Ridge Road, is also a recent graduate from Marine recruit training.

Chief Training Deviceman Robert H. Lalonde, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lalonde, 2-C Southway, is serving at the Naval Air Station, Quonset, Rhode Island.

Navy Ensign John Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, 20-B Ridge, and husband of the former Miss Nancy Sweitzer, 44-E Crescent, is undergoing final advanced flight training with Training Squadron 31 at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Happy birthday to Nancy Weintraub, 25 Lakeside, who celebrates

### Hedlund Is Guest Soloist

Ronald Hedlund of 6154 Springhill will be the guest soloist at two concerts given this weekend. The Prince Georges Civic Orchestra, which will give its opening concert for the general public at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, will precede this with a special performance at 4 p.m. Saturday in the De La Salle College Auditorium in Avondale. Sunday's concert will be given in the new Bowie High School on Route 450. There is no admission charge. In keeping with the Christmas season the program will include works incorporating folk music of three nations by Beethoven, Bartok and Vaughan Williams.

Born 31 years ago, Hedlund learned to play the guitar, piano and viola. After studying voice with Todd Duncan for three years, he resigned from his government job last month to devote full time to music. Hedlund lives in Greenbelt with his wife, Kathleen, and 5-year old son Eric. Both the Hedlunds are soloists with the National City Christian Church.

### Seek Names of Servicemen

The Veterans of Foreign Wars would like to learn the names and addresses of all Maryland residents serving in the armed forces stationed in Vietnam. Call 752-6474 or write to: Department of Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars, War Memorial Building, Balto., Maryland - 21202.

her birthday on December 21.

Visiting the Weisel family, 21-D Ridge, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mearkle and Mr. Robert Neal and son, Barry, who helped celebrate the baptism of William Lawrence Eubanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eubanks of Hyattsville. Glad to hear that Belva Weisel is back home after an extended stay in the hospital.

The new address of the J. Richard Hoffmans is 15703 Bond Mill Road, Laurel, 20810.



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### Chanukah Party and Dance

The Masada couples' group will hold its annual Chanukah party on December 25 at 8:30 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Community Center. Entertainment will consist of skits and an Israeli singer. There will be folk and social dancing and refreshments will be served (BY-OL). For information and tickets call Philip Sharf, 474-2760.

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7. Require that all special exceptions pertaining to property within a municipality or in an unincorporated area within a mile of a municipality be referred to the municipality for recommendation.

8. Require that if a municipality recommends denial of a special exception request, the request shall not be granted except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the District Council.

9. Refer master plans and highway plans to affected municipalities and release to the public at least sixty days before conducting any public hearings.

Another recommendation was that the Park and Planning Commission submit a copy of subdivision plats to the municipality at the time of filing and that a copy of the recorded plat be transmitted to the municipality at the time of recording. Smith said that since cities are responsible for maintaining streets dedicated in subdivision plats, they are entitled to be advised of a street being dedicated and to be able to make constructive suggestions on plats being considered for approval. Twice in the past, Smith noted, Park and Planning has approved plats which dedicate extensions of existing streets with a different street name being on the plat.

### Ship Coming to Washington

The general public will have an opportunity to visit the Navy's newest and largest oceanographic survey ship, the USNS SILAS BENT which is scheduled to arrive on the morning of Dec. 21, for an eight-day stay at the Washington Navy Yard.

She will be open for public visiting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, and there will be experts aboard to explain the ship's new electronic systems for gathering and evaluating information about the oceans.

### New Ballet Class to Start

All parents are invited to visit their children's ballet class at the Youth Center this Saturday. Miss Susan Ellerin, dance instructor for almost four years, announced that registration for the next session will take place on Tuesday, December 28, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Center.

### Attention Democrats!

There will be a meeting of the Greenbelt Sickles for Governor Committee at the Co-op Hospitality Room at 8:00 P.M. on **Friday, Dec. 17, 1965**

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## XMAS TREES

Christmas trees are being sold at the Greenbelt swimming pool area for benefit of Boy Scout Troop 202 of Greenbelt. A good assortment of Scotch Pine and Canadian Fir Balsam have been obtained this year. The lot will open weekday evenings from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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## DEFLATED LOVER

Police Chief William Lane reports that love's labor led to a charge of tampering with a motor vehicle on Dec. 12. A young man from Hyattsville was escorting a Greenbelt girl to her door after returning from a dance at 2 a.m., when he was accosted by an Arlington man — a friend of the girl — who allegedly struck him a blow on the head.

The victim walked to the police station to register a complaint, and while he was gone his assailant let all the air out of the tires of the victim's car and then drove off with the girl to Greenbelt Lake.

At that romantic spot he was later arrested for having tampered with an automobile. No assault charge was placed, nor did the girl seem to feel she had been kidnapped.

## Cub Scout News

The next meeting of Pack 202 will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Community Church. A special Christmas program is planned. All parents, relatives, and friends are invited.

Congratulations to Norma Miedzinski and the boys in Den 2 for filling ten Christmas stockings for distribution by the Salvation Army.

Pack 202 is sponsoring a Cub Uniform Bank. Anyone willing to donate a cub scout uniform is requested to call Ray, 345-8537. Pick up will be arranged.

Den mothers are still needed. For information call Ray, 345-8537.

## Hallelujah Chorus Sunday

The Augmented Chancel Choir of the Greenbelt Community Church will present the Christmas portion and Hallelujah Chorus of "The Messiah" by Handel at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday. The soloists will be Mrs. Francis White, Mrs. Jeff Chapman, Mr. Walter Andersen and Mr. Kenneth Keeney. The Organist and Choir Director is Mr. Clarence Shaw. The public is cordially invited.

## Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson  
Director of Recreation

### Youth Center Holiday Schedule

During the Christmas holidays the following schedule will prevail:

**Thursday, Dec. 23 9 - 10:30 a.m.**  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade skating  
10:30 - 12 noon 4th, 5th & 6th Grade skating

1 - 5:30 p.m. Ping pong, record hop, table games

7:30 p.m. Teen Club Christmas Dance

**Friday, Dec. 24th 9 - 10:30 a.m.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade skating  
10:30 - 12 noon 4th, 5th & 6th Grade skating

1 - 2:30 p.m. Teen skating  
1 - 5:30 p.m. Ping pong, table games

2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Basketball, volleyball.

**Saturday, Dec. 25 M E R R Y CHRISTMAS!!**

**Sunday, Dec. 26** No activities scheduled

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 27, 28, 29 & 30 9 - 10:30 a.m.** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade skating

10:30 - 12 noon 4th, 5th & 6th Grade skating

1 - 2:30 p.m. Teen skating

1 - 5:30 p.m. Ping pong, table games

2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Basketball, volleyball

7 - 10:30 p.m. Basketball, ping pong, record hop

**Friday, Dec. 31 9 - 5:30 p.m.** Same as above schedule

**Saturday, Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

### Men's Basketball "B" League

The Bullets, led by Kelly's 28 points, crushed by the Lakers 84-61 to move into first place. The Bullets received help as the Celtics knocked off the hot Knicks 76-75 in overtime. Sonny Lindamood led the Celtics with 26 points. Next week, the Bullets play the Celtics in the 8:30 game and the Knicks play the Lakers at 7:00 p.m. The League standings are as follows:

	W	L
Bullets	3	1
Celtics	2	2
Knicks	2	2
Lakers	1	3

### Boys' Basketball

Boys' there is still time to sign up for the Junior High and Senior High Sunday night league. Games will be played at the Youth Center. This league is open to boys who live in all parts of Greenbelt — Springhill, Charlestowne Village, Boxwood and Lakeside North.

## Senior Teen Club News

Saturday, Dec. 18, will be fun and frolic night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dress is to be casual; boys may wear chucks. Admission will be 25c.

December 23 is the date for our Moonlight and Mistletoe dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dress will be semi-formal. Admission: \$5.00 - members, \$7.50 - nonmembers, \$1.00 drag. Tickets may be purchased from Nikki Ann Brunatti and Pat Zoellner. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The dance will feature Donnie and the Diablos.

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Northway and Ridge Roads. They are purely residential roads in the midst of purely residential sections. At present, because there are no sidewalks, people use the streets as walkways, especially school children going to St. Hugh's.

"Widening Northway and Ridge Roads is not a very ready solution. In the case of Ridge Road, such action would involve loss of much-needed along-the-street parking, especially if sidewalks are constructed to accommodate the student population that will be walking to school. In many cases, such widening would require homeowners to sacrifice lawns and shrubbery."

The GHI Board is also concerned that the construction of a school complex on this area could be interpreted as a change in the character of the neighborhood which may justify zoning for apartments in the remaining undeveloped land of parcels 1 and 2. (This is the land between GHI property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

As explained by Schwan in his statement: "The overall density of parcels 1 and 2 may thus end up as great as before, even though the amount of acreage left after subtracting the school sites is less. In short, we could end up with the same population in Parcels 1 and 2 as originally contemplated, but in rental apartments — not owner-occupied single-family homes, plus the school complex and its traffic problems."

## 4-H LITTLE WOMEN

by Janet Goldberg

On Dec. 14 the club had a craft workshop in the Co-op hospitality room. We made ice candles of different colors. It was fun!

## J.C.C. SERVICES

Rabbi Morris Gordon will conduct services on Friday, Dec. 17, at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. Attending the services will be teen groups from the Methodist Community, Mowatt Memorial and Unitarian Churches.

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## CORRECTION

Contrary to the report in last week's *News Review*, the city council has not yet taken any official action on the request of Giants' that the city pay the maintenance costs of a proposed new traffic signal at Beltway Plaza. Such costs are estimated at \$100 to \$150 a year. The council deferred action at its Dec. 6 meeting until it had received written confirmation that a light will be installed.

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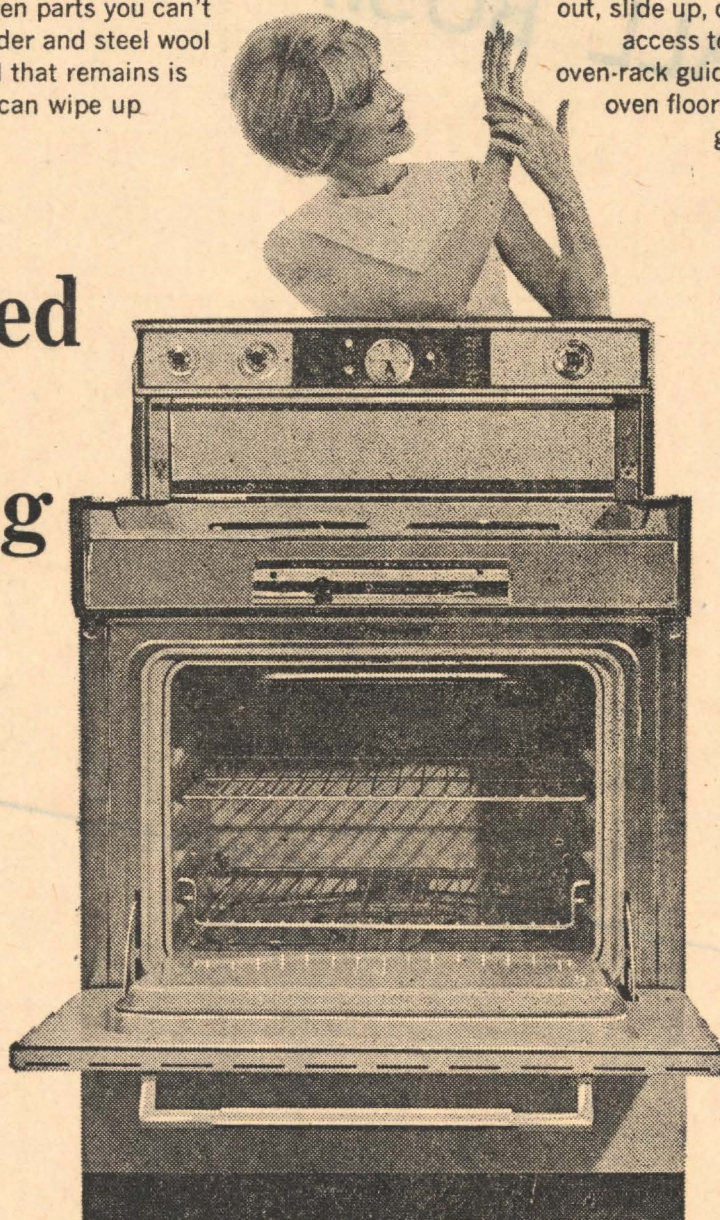
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## Happy Anniversary

by Rita Fisher

What is love? This is a question that has been asked through the centuries with many philosophical answers. An incident occurred at our house recently which may prove something — or nothing.

With the approach of our eighteenth wedding anniversary, it seemed as though our four children were looking forward to it with more enthusiasm than either my husband or myself. The children (four daughters, maybe that's the reason) kept mentioning the fact that the day was coming and were getting together to discuss secrets. Of course, the youngest, our six-year-old, expressed impatience as she counted the days.

We were aware that the children were planning to present us with gifts, as they had in the past.

Our six-year-old lost her two front teeth just three days before the big event, and the good fairy was more generous than she had ever been when any of the others had lost their teeth. In the morning, there under the pillow was a whole dollar. Just what the little one needed to get a present for mommy and daddy.

She traipsed down to the Center, all by herself, and returned with a bag which was our anniversary gift, she announced, but we were not to see it until the big day. She added that we could see it if we wanted to right then but we assured her that we wanted to be surprised and, although the little bag remained in sight for three days, it remained untouched. She ran into a problem when she didn't have enough to cover the tax on the purchase, but a chivalrous young man donated a nickel to the cause, and she was able to consummate the purchase.

Since my eldest daughter expressed the wish that my husband and I could walk in at the same time on the big day, we conspired to meet after work at the Center so that the setting could be as desired. My almost-ten-year-old was sent to the Center by the older ones to be sure we would do it, and then she informed us that she was to enter the house first so that final arrangements could be made. Again, I must say that neither my husband nor myself had any idea of what they were going to do.

When we walked in, we were met with open arms and a wish for a Happy Anniversary and then told to wait until we were called into the dining room. At the signal we opened the door to the dining room and were greeted by a sight that, I can assure you, will not be forgotten for a long time.

The candle-lit room was decorated with white streamers, and three silver bells hung suspended from the light fixture. The table, covered by a white tablecloth, bore in its center, a beautiful white iced cake inscribed, "Happy 18th Anniversary," and topped with a bride and groom. In an aluminum canister filled with ice was a bottle of pink champagne. Four wrapped items were on the table and one look told us, without unwrapping, that they were glasses.

The opening of the champagne was another exciting event for the children. Although they had seen it done in the movies, they were startled by the loud pop, and before my husband's thumb could cap the bottle, the walls and ceiling had been sprayed. We served the champagne to the children, in a very moderate quantity to be sure, and drank after a toast was given by the oldest girl.

On the envelope presented to us by the children was the notation, "to the only people in the house old enough to celebrate an 18th anything," and on the card inside we read: "After a few years of marriage most couples have enough furniture, but who else has WALL TO WALL LOVE?"

### Woman's Club Bake Sale

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold a Bake Sale Sat., Dec. 18, in front of Tanner's. In case of inclement weather, it will be in Twin Pines Savings & Loan. The sale will start at 10 a.m. Proceeds are to go towards a wheel-chair to be donated to the Greenbelt Fire Dept.

## Nat'l Safety Council Tests Studded Tires

Are the newly-developed snow tires containing metal studs as safe and efficient on winter road surfaces as some manufacturers claim?

Research to be undertaken by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, this winter will seek answers to this question, which is of vital concern to highway users and public officials.

Preliminary tests made by the committee last winter indicate that cars equipped with these tires are safer on icy pavements than cars with regular snow tires, but that reinforced tire chains afford still more safety.

The tests showed the following average stopping distances on ice for a car traveling at 20 mph with new equipment:

Regular tires	180 ft.
Snow tires	167 ft.
Studded snow tires	110 ft.
Reinforced tire chains	70 ft.

Highway users should recognize that these tests were made with new equipment. Limited data indicate that after 5,000 miles of wear, studded tires may lose as much as 50 per cent of their effectiveness.

In addition, some agencies, including the Swedish National Road Research Institute, report that studded tires may reduce the coefficients of friction on bare pavements, both wet and dry, by as much as 25 per cent.

"Since some of today's heavily-traveled pavements are already considered to be slippery when wet, it is obvious that any additional loss in traction because of the studs, particularly at high speeds, could lead to a most hazardous situation," stated a spokesman for the Safety Council.

In the meantime, the Council continues to recommend regular snow tires for use during mild-to-medium snow and ice conditions, and advises that studded tires are more effective than regular tires on ice and that reinforced tire chains are best for severe snow and ice conditions.

### New GOP Committee

The Republican Club of Prince Georges County has announced the formation of a County Affairs Committee (CAC), to bring information, questions, and current issues to the attention of old and new citizens of Prince Georges.

Charles P. Randall of Carrollton, speaking for the CAC, stated: "We anticipate addressing ourselves to other than purely political issues, but those matters which can and do affect the overall good of our County, such as, education, zoning, traffic safety, sanitation, and the like."

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To the Editor

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Belva Weisel



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### "Winnie the Pooh" at Lisner

A production of "Winnie the Pooh," the children's classic, will be presented for one afternoon only, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. at Lisner Auditorium under the auspices of the Children's Theatre Guild at The George Washington University. For ticket information telephone FE 8-0250, ext. 724.

### Free Pamphlet on Crime

A pamphlet, "Self Help in Crime Prevention," designed to advise citizens how to help prevent crime in their neighborhoods and how to proceed with problems needing police assistance is being distributed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), a civic organization dedicated to leadership training through community service. Next week, 10,000 copies of this pamphlet will be distributed to individuals and organizations throughout the county.

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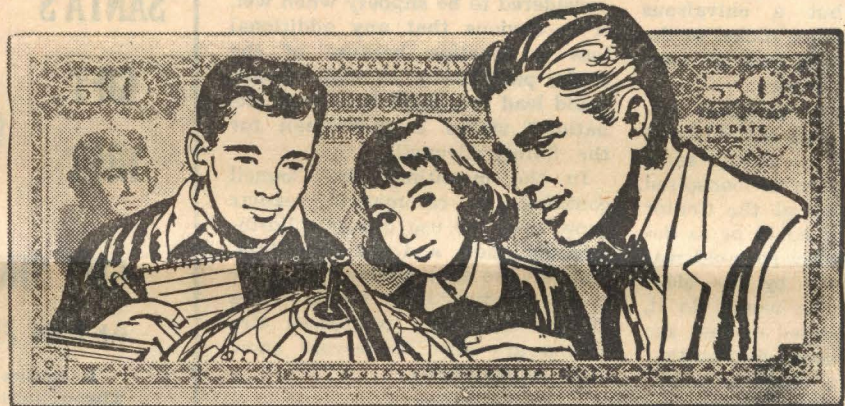
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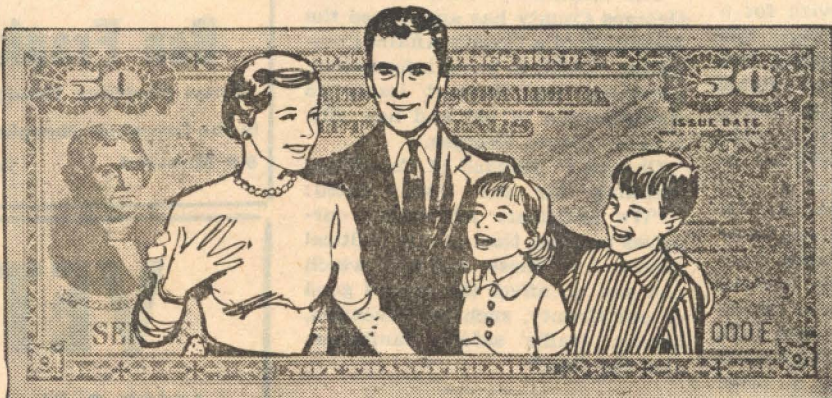
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